



CITY OF DURHAM | NORTH CAROLINA

Date: December 20, 2010

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager
Through: Theodore L. Voorhees, Deputy City Manager
From: Edward R. Venable, Manager of Engineering and Stormwater
Subject: Agenda Item – Public Hearing for Petitioned Improvement

Curb, Gutter and Paving, Water and Sewer Laterals on Chalmers Street from Hemlock Avenue to the North Property Line of PIN 0830-09-05-0651

Executive Summary

A sufficient petition has been received for the making of the subject improvement. The proposed improvement is located inside the City. Funding for this project is subject to appropriations into the Dirt/Petition Street Paving account on an annual basis. Pursuant to the Resolution Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Set Public Hearings and to Declare the Adoption of Resolutions of Intent (Resolution 9709), the City Manager set the public hearing on the proposed improvement to be held at 7:00 PM January 18, 2011, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Recommendation

The Public Works Department recommends that City Council accept a Certificate of Sufficiency for the petition, adopt a preliminary resolution on the proposed improvement, conduct a public hearing to consider ordering the subject improvement, and adopt a resolution ordering the improvement.

Background

A petition has been received for curb, gutter and paving of Chalmers Street. (This area is not well suited for the preferred ribbon paving method.) It has been determined that the petition has been signed by over fifty percent of the owners, who in turn own at least a majority of all the lineal feet of frontage of land abutting the sections of streets proposed to be improved. Therefore, the petition has been found to be sufficient for the improvement to be considered for ordering by City Council.

Issues and Analysis

Section 77 of the Charter of the City of Durham dictates that a fixed time and place be set to hold a public hearing to determine whether the subject improvement shall be made. The public hearing for the subject improvement has been set for January 18, 2011.

Alternatives

There is not an alternative per the City Charter.

Financial Impacts

Holding a public hearing and ordering the subject improvement has no immediate financial impacts, but these are necessary steps in the process of making and assessing abutting properties for the improvement.

SBDE Summary

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